

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 233

By Carr

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Katie Moore and the Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Lady Highlanders girls' basketball team.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Katie Moore, the Gatlinburg-Pittman High School girls' basketball team is one such estimable group that enjoyed a tremendous season in 2016-17, compiling a record of twenty-nine wins against five losses as they advanced to their first Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association State Tournament in school history; and

WHEREAS, 2016-2017 was a truly record-breaking season for the Lady Highlanders, as the team claimed the Smoky Mountain Christmas Tournament and the District 3 AA regular season championship before advancing to post-season play; and

WHEREAS, on their march to Murfreesboro, Gatlinburg-Pittman won the District 3 AA Tournament and the Region 2 AA Tournament before defeating Greeneville by a score of 67-56 in the sectional game to punch their ticket to the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Highlanders entered the quarterfinals of the state tournament at Middle Tennessee State University ranked sixth in the Associated Press poll, the highest ranking in school history; and

WHEREAS, in a hard-fought contest, the young women from Gatlinburg-Pittman High School thrilled their fans with an amazing overtime victory over Westview High School, winning by a score of 54-51 to advance to the semifinals; and

WHEREAS, despite their season-long display of offensive brilliance and tenacious defense, the 2016-2017 Lady Highlanders fell one game shy of the championship final but etched their remarkable achievements into the hearts and minds of their countless fans; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a successful season, but also surely point toward continued success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding spirit, the Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Lady Highlanders have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State and the people of Tennessee take great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of these student athletes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Katie Moore and the Gatlinburg-Pittman High School girls' basketball team on their remarkable 2016-2017 season and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.